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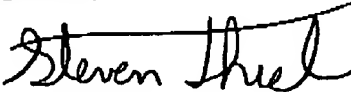
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Regards,



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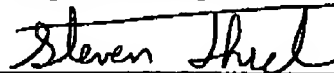
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Sir:

It was noted during our review of the Notice of Allowance dated November 8, 2004, for the above-identified application, that the USPTO acknowledged receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents, but did not specifically acknowledge Applicants' claim for foreign priority (i.e., no checkmark in Box 4 of the Notice of Allowance).

Applicants believe this lack of acknowledgement is simply an oversight and would appreciate receiving written confirmation from the USPTO indicating acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for priority.

Respectfully submitted,



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